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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 15, which starts with "A post 30 projects" and which ends at page 7, line 14, with "of the post 30." with the following amended paragraph:

A post 30 projects from the flange 12 and includes a substantially continuous, unbroken gripping surface 32 extending along an external surface of the post 30. In the illustrated embodiment, post 30 is generally cylindrical and extends in a longitudinal upward direction, generally parallel to central axis 34 of the flange 12, to an upper end 36. Preferably, post 30 is tapered slightly toward upper end 36 for purposes set forth below. Upon affixing the hub post 10 to the substrate 16, axis 34 is generally normal to the substrate 16 and post 30 likewise projects generally normal to substrate 16. Post 30 has lateral dimensions, shown in the form of diameter D of the cylindrical configuration of post 30, and a corresponding cross-sectional area A. Flange 12 also is generally cylindrical and includes an overall diameter DD which is greater than diameter D of post 30 such that basal surface 14 extends laterally beyond the cross-sectional area A of post 30 and includes a cross-sectional area B substantially greater than cross-sectional area A. Thus, the size of cross-sectional area B of basal surface 14 is not limited by the lateral extent of cross-

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sectional area A of post 30 and basal surface 14 provides an area for layer 18 large enough to accommodate sufficient adhesive to assure secure affixation of hub post 10 to substrate 16. Flange 12 includes an upper, laterally extending surface 38 spaced longitudinally from basal surface 14 by the longitudinal extent of the flange 12, shown as height H, and extending laterally beyond gripping surface 32 of the post 30.